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Mr. Robert N. Macy
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Executive Office of the President
Bureau of the Budget
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Dear Mr. Macy:

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I have your letter of 18 July 1952 in regard to the use of Central Intelligence Agency funds for the purchase and installation of air conditioning equipment.

The limitation of \$100,000 will permit air conditioning as indicated in attached tabulation. These buildings indicated in referenced attachment are placed in first priority primarily because of the following criteria:

- a. Relative importance of the activities in these buildings.
- b. These buildings or the parts thereof indicated, are where the highest temperatures have been recorded in CIA facilities.
- c. Capability of accomplishment at an early date by reason of adequate electrical power or outlets therefor.

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The Director fails to understand why the preservation of a degree of balance between this Agency and other agencies occupying similar types of buildings should be a governing factor in determining what amount of money may be provided for air conditioning temporary buildings of this Agency on a basis necessary to provide efficient productivity in that,

(though regrettable) other agencies do not have the legal authority to secure this equipment. This Agency has obtained this authority under legal interpretation by the Comptroller General and key members of Congress.

Since the 25th of June 1952, this Agency has lost approximately 52,000 man-hours by dismissals due to excessive heat which has cost this Agency and the Government approximately \$150,000. It is estimated that there will be a further loss of \$100,000 during the remainder of the summer from this cause. This tangible loss in itself fails to show completely the loss of productivity by the Agency in that other parts of the Agency fail to function at top-most efficiency by reason of failure to receive and utilize the normal output of those members it has been necessary to dismiss.

The Director considers that the provision of the full amount of \$750,000 would be a sound investment and it would be amortized in tangible savings over a period of three or four years. Furthermore, the Central Intelligence Agency functions as a central coordinating and disseminating activity for all other critical agencies of the Government.

In view of the above and in response to your request, I hope that you will consider this an adequate justification for releasing the full amount of \$750,000 as previously requested.

Yours very truly,

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Acting Deputy Director

1 Attachment:
Tabulation

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